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Belmar Marina anticipates continued increase in transient boaters

Belmar Marina has seen an increase in visits by transient boaters since 1999 when its marina and seaport redevelopment began.

The completion of the construction accomplished with its second National Boating Infrastructure Grant (**NBIG**) — at \$1.5 million the largest Tier 2 award in the nation in FY 2003 — will continue this trend. A greater numbers of boaters are now able to enjoy local shops, grocery stores, restaurants, beaches and an extensive offering of seasonal events and activities in Belmar.

The new construction includes three new floating docks designated for 57 transient slips with amenities that include electricity, water and telephones. All

docks have been constructed and will be operational for the 2006 boating season.



New transient boat slips at Belmar Marina.

Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum receive grant approval for \$489,596

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) awarded Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum a \$489,596 National Boating Infrastructure Grant (**NBIG**) for FY 2005.

The NJDOT has received over \$2.3 million to date in **NBIG** funds for these marinas:

Belmar Municipal Marina — FY 2002, 2003*

Farley State Marina — FY 2002*

Seaview Harbor — FY 2003*

Grassy Sound Marina — FY 2003*, 2004

Palisades Interstate Park Commission — FY 2005

Spencer's Bayside Marina — FY 2005

Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum — FY 2005

* completed projects

The US Fish and Wildlife Service approved the Tier 2 allocation upon obtaining final budget authorization from Congress.

"This grant will enable Tuckerton Seaport and the Baymen's Museum to provide access to local and regional attractions in the Atlantic City and Long Beach Island areas," said then NJDOT Commissioner Jack Lettiere. "I am pleased that NJDOT has the opportunity to support projects that enhance New Jersey's maritime resources through the **NBIG** program."

The **NBIG** award will fund the construction of 120 feet of floating docks with utilities, restrooms and showers. Tuckerton Seaport is 15 miles south of Long Beach Island and 30 miles north of Atlantic City. The seaport is dedicated to preserving its rich maritime history and the environment of the New Jersey shore.

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Seaview Harbor Marina to open pay, dock fuel facility

The Seaview Harbor Marina in Longport has announced the opening of its new pay and dock fuel facility, partially funded through a \$12,789 FY 2003 **NBIG** award.

The pay and dock fuel system will provide transient and local boaters the opportunity to purchase fuel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing a significant benefit to transient boaters traveling along the coastline and intercoastal waterways.

Additionally, the fuel dock can now remain open throughout the winter months to also service the United States Coast Guard and commercial boaters.

The new dock and pay fuel system at Seaview Harbor Marina.



Service programs fully reauthorized in Highway Bill

President George W. Bush signed the reauthorization of the highway bill in the Act entitled "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" or SAFETEA-LU. This action provides full expenditure authority for

the Clean Vessel Act, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program and the National Outreach and Communications Program.

For FY 2006, total funding for the **NBIG** Program has increased from \$8 million to \$10 million.

New Jersey signs multi-state Memorandum of Understanding

On November 30, 2005, NJDOT's Office of Maritime Resources received notification from its counterpart in Maryland that the signature process for **NBIG**'s multi-state Memorandum of Understanding had been completed. Besides New

Jersey and Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Virginia signed on.

Among the projects the states will collaborate on is a strategic plan to assist coastal communities and marine associations with the **NBIG** program.

Key Harbor and Sandy Hook Bay Marinas receive state recommendations for grant approval

NJDOT has reviewed and recommended four FY 2006 **NBIG** Program applications for funding:

Key Harbor Marina, Highlands

Tier 1: Requesting \$46,875 to provide dockside electric service to boaters at 12 new transient slips.

Tier 2: To construct 12 new transient slips and provide associated amenities.

Sandy Hook Bay Marina, Sandy Hook

Tier 1: Requesting \$55,230 for electric, stanchions and water services at new transient docks.

Tier 2: To construct 32 transient slips, supply related amenities and provide public information for transient boaters in the region as part of a comprehensive marina redevelopment and redesign program.

The four proposals have been submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for final approval. If

selected, the Tier 2 proposals will be forwarded to Washington to compete for funding on the national level.



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